



# Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

October 14, 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 17 Monday** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.  
Parents may begin calling to schedule their teacher conference in November.
- 18 Tuesday** 4<sup>th</sup> grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Flat Rock Brook Park in Englewood leaving at 12:00 and returning at 2:40 p.m.
- 20 Thursday** 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
- 23 Sunday** Halloween Party in the Silberfein Gym from 1:00-4:00 p.m. See attached flyer
- 24 Monday** Professional Day – **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
DE 360° Discovery Day at Abma's Farm in Wyckoff, NJ. See below for details
- 26 Wednesday** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade trip to Waterloo Village in Stanhope, NJ leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 2:30 p.m.  
Dining Workshop in the Lower School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. **Adults only.**
- 31 Monday** Project L.E.A.D. See letter below

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Tuesday** 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the Metropolitan Opera in New York leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 3:30 p.m. – See attached letter for more information
- 2 Wednesday** Parent Conferences for 5<sup>th</sup> grade only from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 3 Thursday** Parent Conferences for preschool 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Friday** Parent Conferences for preschool 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**NO CLASSES**

### PARENT CONFERENCES...

Parent Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for 5<sup>th</sup> grade only, Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00-7:30 p.m., and Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-11:45 a.m. On Monday, 10/17/16, parents may begin calling Mrs. Rullo at ext. 3220 to schedule an appointment with their child's teacher. Please note that Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> are regular school days for students, but there are no classes for students on

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Again this year parents will be able to leave their children in the Lower School library for the time they are conferencing with teachers.

### **DISMISSAL CHANGES...**

Parents are reminded that **all dismissal changes** must be given to Mrs. Rullo not to their child's teacher or the transportation director. Unless it is a true emergency, Mrs. Rullo should be notified either by phone at 201-227-3220, email at rullol@d-e.org or written note of any dismissal changes by 1:00 p.m. We cannot guarantee that changes to a child's dismissal received after 1:00 will be able to be made.

### **OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH...**

On October 19<sup>th</sup> our students will once again participate in an assembly led by firefighter Rocco Carbone, an Englewood, New Jersey fire official.

Several safety tips will be shared such as how to properly check or "sweep" one's bedroom door to see if it is hot; how to 'Stay Low and Go!' - a technique for staying below the smoke when exiting a building; and reminders on why and how to call 911 in the event of an emergency.

In the same way that fire drills are held periodically at school, families are encouraged to practice fire drills at home. Planning the escape route and deciding on a meeting place such as a mailbox at the end of a driveway, a tree by a neighbor's home or any other place that is away from the house or apartment, are important measures for families to discuss prior to an unforeseen fire emergency.

Music teacher, Mary Heveran, who is also our assembly coordinator, shared the following:

"This assembly is presented each year to students in grades preschool 3 through grade 5, by a fire official from the Englewood Fire Department. It is so reassuring to see how much children remember from year to year about things like how to plan their escape, 'Stay Low and Go!' and 'Stop! Drop! and Roll!'"

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to engage children in a dialogue about some of the safety tips used in your homes prior to the assembly and to review what they learned during the assembly. Please remember to check home smoke alarms and to devise a plan for the family to get out of the home as quickly and safely as possible in the event of a fire emergency.

### **NURSE'S NOTES...**

By Mrs. Maureen Krane RN, Lower School Nurse

Once again I am collecting gently used winter coats for NJ Cares. This organization collects coats, dry cleans them, and then distributes them to needy women, children and men throughout New Jersey. I have been told by the participating cleaners that the donations made each year by the parents here at the Lower School have made a dramatic impact in the drive. As we enter the fall and winter months, please sort through your coats that are no longer used by your family and think about donating them to our drive. You may drop coats off at my office at any time. If you have any questions, please call me at the school at 201-227-3162.

With fall upon us and winter not far behind, we ask each parent to send in a change of clothes for their child. This applies to children in all grades not just the youngest. With rain and snow comes wet playground equipment which, in turn, means a wet child. We also have lunch spills and paint mishaps. Kindly choose a non-favorite pair of pants, shirt, underwear and socks to be left in your son/daughter's locker.

### **MATH TEAMS FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS...**

Math team will begin for participating 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in November. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will meet on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:05 p.m. on November 1, 15, 29, December 6, 13, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2 and March 7.

3<sup>rd</sup> graders participating in math team will meet on Thursdays from 3:15-4:05 p.m. on November 17, December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12, 19, 26, and February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2. There is a calendar attached to help families keep track of the dates. Please fill out the attached form if your 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grader is interested in participating and return it to Mrs. Rullo by Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **DE 360° DISCOVERY DAY AT ABMA'S FARM...**

The DE 360° AfterCare and Enrichment (ACE) is planning a Discovery Day on October 24<sup>th</sup>. A full day of fun and activities at Abma's Farm in Wyckoff is planned for the children who attend. The fee is \$50 per child, and students are asked to bring a bagged lunch. Snacks will be provided. Please see the schedule below:

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Drop off – students arrive and sign in
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Board the bus and travel to Abma's Farm in Wyckoff
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Hayride at Abma's Farm
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Farm activities
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch at the farm
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Travel back to Dwight-Englewood
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Structured activities and free play
3:00 pm	Pick up (Parents will need to pick up students by this time. No extended care is available.)

To register for this ACE trip go online to [de360.d-e.org](http://de360.d-e.org) or call [201-227-3144](tel:201-227-3144).

This schedule is subject to change.

There is no PA Page this week.



September 30, 2016

Dear Families,

On Monday, October 31, 2016, the Lower School will participate in a school-wide project called **Literary Exploration & Adventure Day** (or L.E.A.D.) On this day, we invite and encourage students and faculty to come to school dressed as their favorite literary character or author. As you can imagine, the possibilities for this activity are endless.

From the earliest moments students enter Dwight-Englewood as preschoolers, they are immersed in literature through storytelling, read alouds, and other interactive work. As they progress through the Lower School, students learn to think more deeply about the characters in their books, to step into the shoes of these characters, to empathize with them, and to anticipate how the characters will act as well. Project L.E.A.D. will joyfully reinforce these ideals as students physically and dramatically immerse themselves in beloved literary characters.

The goals of Project L.E.A.D. are to:

- further foster and encourage a love of reading in our students
- provide yet another opportunity for students to engage their creativity
- spark new interest in books, characters and authors
- satisfy our students' desire to express themselves
- serve as a “kick-off” for the November Book Fair

Although many will be dressed in character, our school day will operate on a normal schedule. The presence of so many and varied characters and authors will enhance our instructional time, and it will also provide a springboard for student conversation during lunch and recess time. Please see the reverse side for more specific details about this very special day and help our students to “L.E.A.D. by example...”

Kim Lewis  
Lower School Principal

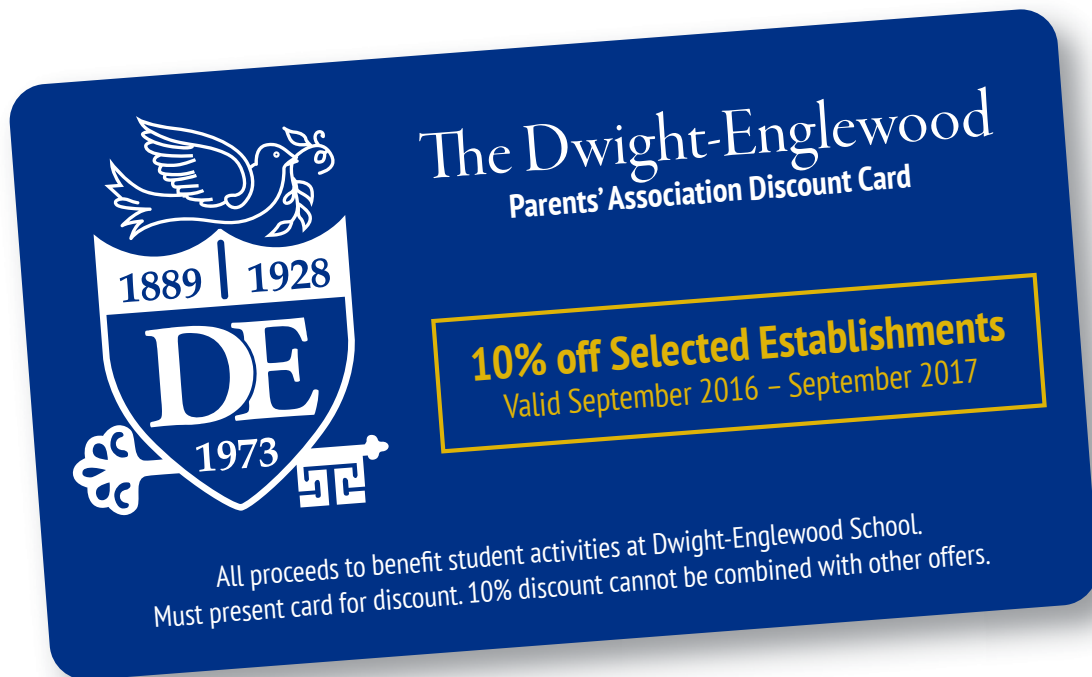
## Literary Exploration & Adventure Day

Here are some guidelines to help your child make the most of Project L.E.A.D.

- Talk with your child about favorite books, characters or authors.
- Help your child brainstorm ways he or she can look like or symbolize his or her chosen character.
- Costumes do not need to be elaborate. There are many simple ways to represent a character, including carrying a prop, drawing pictures and/or wearing small signs or labels that help others easily recognize the character.
- Students are asked to be mindful of the school dress code when planning their attire for the day.
- Students must be able to manage their own costumes for the day (i.e. large, ornate costumes will interfere with a student's ability to attend to lessons during the day).
- Many teachers will be on hand to take keepsake photographs of students in their costumes. These photographs will be made available to parents on the Dwight-Englewood Facebook page and via *Lower School Notes*.
- Participation in Project L.E.A.D. is optional but strongly encouraged. The more characters on hand on this day, the richer the literary experience for us all!
- Due to our parking constraints, Project L.E.A.D. is for students and faculty only. Parents are asked to refrain from coming to the Lower School on this day.

# 2016-2017 Discount Card

Now Available!



**\$10**

**Use at local area shops & restaurants**  
**Available at the D-E School Store or from the D-E PA**





# “DWIGHT-FRIGHT”



**Boo!** You're invited to our spooky “Dwight-Fright”  
Where the costume parade promises to be quite a sight.  
Be the closest to guessing the “Great Pumpkin’s” weight  
And taking it home will soon be your fate.  
Yummy food for all to feast on, great games of tag and catch,  
And don't forget to pick from our huge pumpkin patch.  
We can't wait to see you on that spirited Sunday.  
To find us, just listen for our thrilling DJ.  
Now throw on your costumes and head straight to “Dwight-Fright”  
We heard that you're coming..... we SURE hope we're right!



## “DWIGHT-FRIGHT” HALLOWEEN PARTY AND COSTUME PARADE

Sunday, October 23rd

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Silberfein Gym/ Leggett Field

Parade Begins Promptly at 1:15 pm on Leggett Field

*\*Please send in Halloween-themed baked goods for all to enjoy\**

*Sorry, this is not a drop-off event.*

*Siblings (and costumes for children of ALL ages)  
are welcome!*





**Dining**  
Workshop  
FALL 2016

*Join Us!*

**Wednesday, October 26  
7:00 PM**

**Lower School Multi-Purpose/  
Dining Area, Drapkin Hall  
For all Lower School  
parents/guardians**

**Wednesday, November 2  
7:00 PM**

**Wharton Lessin Dining Hall,  
Klein Conference Center  
For all Middle and Upper School  
parents/guardians**



**Featuring the following Program:**

- » Welcome remarks from Head of School Dr. Rodney De Jarnett and representatives from the D-E FLIK Team, including Dining Services Director Terri Pisack and Chefs Luke Kuchavik and Ricardo Alvarado
- » Cooking Demonstrations and a Kitchen Tour
- » Tastings
- » Q&A

**Important Please Note:**

- Pre-registration/RSVP required. RSVP/register online at: [pa.d-e.org](http://pa.d-e.org).
- Registrations will be accepted until our guest limit is reached. Interested but unable to attend? There will be additional Dining Workshops later this year.
- Arrive with an appetite, and enjoy! All guests will enjoy a 'full' meal similar to that which our children have each day in our dining halls.
- This event is for parents/guardians only, sorry no children/students.